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AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL  
VERSION WILL FOLLOW.

Q: AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOLD THE "LONDON TIMES" QUOTE: "I  
NEVER SAID THE CUBANS HAD A PROPER PURPOSE IN ANGOLA -- I  
SAID THE CUBANS WERE A 'STABILIZING' INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA.  
THEY WERE THEN AND THEY STILL ARE -- IN THE SENSE THAT  
THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THEIR DOCTORS, THEIR AGRICUL-  
TURAL EXPERTS ARE BASICALLY KEEPING THE COUNTRY ON AN  
EVEN KEEL."

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AND MY FIRST QUESTION IS: DOES THE SECRETARY AGREE WITH  
THIS CLARIFYING STATEMENT THAT CUBAN DOCTORS AND FARMERS  
ARE KEEPING ANGOLA ON AN EVEN KEEL?

A: I THINK WE HAVE GONE AROUND AND AROUND ON THIS THING SO  
MANY TIMES THAT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW. OUR POSITION  
ON THE CUBANS IN ANGOLA IS WELL KNOWN.

AS TO WHAT THEY DO WHEN THEY ARE THERE, I AM SIMPLY NOT  
PREPARED TO SAY ANYTHING. OUR VIEW IS THAT THEY OUGHT NOT  
TO BE THERE.

Q: ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA -- IS THERE ANYTHING NEW ON THE  
NONPROLIFERATION TREATY?

A: NO.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON WHEN IT'S --

A: YES, I MEAN, AFTER ALL THAT SPATE OF STORIES LAST  
WEEK, MY RELATIVELY DISCREET GUIDANCE STILL SEEMS TO BE  
THE --

Q: ARE THEY STILL NEGOTIATING DOWN THERE?

A: CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME, IS GERRY SMITH BACK?  
FROM THE FLOOR: (CONFIRMED)

Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY DECISION MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATION  
TO USE ECONOMIC POLICIES AND TRADE SANCTIONS AS A MEANS  
OF REPRISAL FOR SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFRICA AND OTHER PLACES?

A: I THINK I WOULD HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE PRESIDENT'S  
TWO REMARKS ON THAT SUBJECT AT HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE.

HE SAID THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING TRADE IN A  
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SPEECH THAT HE GAVE. INsofar AS SPECIFIC DECISIONS, THEY  
ARE TAKEN AS YOU KNOW ON QUESTIONS OF TECHNOLOGY AND  
MILITARY-RELATED EQUIPMENT. THEY ARE TAKEN ON A CASE-BY-  
CASE BASIS AND I CANNOT, AS YOU KNOW, SPEAK ON A CASE-BY-  
CASE BASIS AT THIS POINT.

BUT I THINK I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS ON  
THE SUBJECT OF TRADE.  
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